

National Housing Conference 2019

27–30 August | Darwin Convention Centre

PROGRAM

- Impact
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- Think tank stream
- Social & Cultural Event
- Satellite Event

Pre conference Tuesday 27 August 2019

13.30-16.30 AURIN Workshop

At this workshop you will learn how to use the AURIN Workbench

19.30-22.00 AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Australasian Gala Dinner 2019

This is an opportunity to celebrate the success of social and affordable industry peers.

17.00-19.00 Community Housing Limited Official Welcome Reception—Wharf One

After your arrival in Darwin, join us as we launch the NHC 2019 with a cocktail function on the waterfront, enjoying stunning views of the Darwin promenade.

Reception sponsored by:



Day 1 Wednesday 28 August 2019

7.30 Registration opens

8.30-10.30 Plenary 1

Welcome to Country

Larrakia Nation

The Larrakia people are the Aboriginal traditional owners of all land and waters of the greater Darwin area including identified Aboriginal living areas.

Official Conference Opening

Hon Gerald McCarthy MP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development (NT)

To set the scene for the first ever conference in the NT, the Minister will speak to the Territory Labor Government's priorities around jobs, housing and improving economic opportunities for communities in the territory.

Opening Keynote Address

Professor Stan Grant, Griffith University

Proud Wiradjuri man Stan Grant is a Walkley award winning journalist, author and professor of global studies at Griffith University. His knowledge and experience render him an ideal contributor on Indigenous housing and many of the broader political and social challenges facing our sector in 2019.

Federal Government Address

To guide the national dialogue on priority housing and homelessness issues, and following the 2019 election, we will welcome a Federal Government leader.

10.30–11.00 Morning tea

Entertainment by Patsy Coleman

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11.00–12.30 Major concurrent sessions—block one			
<p>MAJ 1 Can CHP's deliver our social housing future?</p> <p>According to recent modelling, Australia needs more than 700,000 new social housing properties in the next twenty years to meet growing demand. In this provocative session, community housing leaders will press the case for their skilled up sector to lead the development, construction and management of Australia's social housing stock into the future.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Wendy Hayhurst, CHIA</p> <p>John McBryde, Central Australian Affordable Housing Company</p> <p>Rebecca Oelkers, BHC</p> <p>Adrian Warner, WA Department of Communities</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>MAJ 2 Generation Rent</p> <p>More than a quarter of all Australian households are private renters, with the sector growing at twice the rate of all households between 2006 and 2016. Along with growth, the sector is fragmenting, particularly at the low-price end of the market. How can we ensure the system remains fair and equitable for the growing number of Australians who will be renters for life?</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Eliza Owen, Domain</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Prof Kath Hulse, Swinburne University of Technology</p> <p>Peter McMillan, NT Shelter</p> <p>Heather Holst, Commissioner for Residential Tenancies VIC</p> <p>Thomas Clement, myRent.co.nz</p> <p>Penny Carr, Tenants Queensland</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>MAJ 3 Pathways and priorities for Australia's Indigenous housing</p> <p>Appropriate and affordable housing is a vital foundation for wellbeing that supports education and employment pathways, yet many Indigenous Australians still face overwhelming housing challenges. With housing identified as a priority for a renewed Closing the Gap strategy, this panel will unpack the common challenges across Australian states and territories and explore the priorities and pathways ahead.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Leeanne Caton, Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>Jody Broun, Aboriginal Housing Office NSW</p> <p>Shona Reid, Reconciliation SA</p> <p>Darren Smith, Aboriginal Housing Victoria</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>TT 1 Think tank stream</p> <p>These rapid-fire presentations and incubators will offer a variety of intimate, engaging and informal discussions with fellow delegates and speakers on a diverse range of topics.</p>
12.30–13.30 Lunch			
13.30 – 15.00 Plenary 2—State(s) of housing policy—a national debate			
<p>A national debate on Australia's housing system with perspectives from every state and territory. In 2019 more than a million households in Australia are under housing stress. In this action-led session, housing chief executives from all state and territory housing departments will discuss a strategy for housing future communities across the country.</p>			
<p>Facilitator</p> <p>Peter Mares, Journalist and broadcaster</p>		<p>Panel members</p> <p>Jamie Chalker APM, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development NT</p> <p>Louise Gilding, Housing ACT</p> <p>Michael Buchan, SA Housing Authority</p> <p>Jessey Stone, Department of Communities TAS</p> <p>Trish Woolley, Department of Housing and Public Works QLD</p> <p>Helen Nys, Department of Communities WA</p> <p>Nick Foa, Department of Health and Human Services VIC</p> <p>Deidre Mulkerin, Department of Family and Community Services, NSW</p>	
<p>Plenary sponsored by:</p> 			
15.00–15.30 Afternoon tea			

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<p>MIN 1 Indigenous housing: collaborating with communities</p> <p>This session will highlight a range of service models and housing strategies built through community collaboration. The session will explore self-determination, how mainstream organisations can support indigenous objectives and how to foster genuine partnerships.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Harley Dannatt and Dean Jones, Salvation Army</p> <p>John Palmer, MercyCare and Michael King, Centacare</p> <p>Victor Crevatin, St Patrick's Community Support Centre</p> <p>Leeanne Caton, Yilli Rreung Aboriginal Housing Corporation and Danyelle Jarvis, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development</p>	<p>MIN 2 Getting CHP regulation right</p> <p>With a review of the National Regulatory System for Community Housing Providers (NRSCH) as a launchpad, a panel will examine the role of regulation in managing the growth of the sector and ensuring the best provision of services to tenants.</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Dr Michael Fotheringham, AHURI</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Hayley Parkes, Housing Choices Australia</p> <p>Jason Kara, Department of Family & Community Services NSW and Sidesh Naikar, Commonwealth Department of Social Services</p> <p>Neil Quarmby, NSW Registrar</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>MIN 3 Sustaining tenancies in social housing</p> <p>A series of short presentations, followed by Q&A, will explore initiatives and policy reform that support the tenancies of vulnerable households, whose complex needs often lead to instability and constant transition.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Natalia Gemmell, Department of Communities WA</p> <p>Dr Chris Martin, UNSW</p> <p>Mark Morel, NEAMI</p> <p>Annemaree Callander, Brisbane Youth Service</p>	<p>MIN 4 Addressing housing and homelessness within the NDIS</p> <p>Quick fire presentations will be followed by lively debate around disability housing within a maturing NDIS. Hear perspectives from people with specialist needs, physical and psychosocial disabilities, their families, carers and support services.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Beth Fogarty, Wellways</p> <p>Julie Bojarski and Peter Malone, Hume Housing</p> <p>Luke Bo'sher, Summer Foundation</p> <p>Susan Bailey, UTS</p> <p>Mark Heeney, Mind Australia</p>	<p>MIN 5 Opening doors to private rental</p> <p>Facilitated by National Shelter, this session explores the rise of not for profit real estate agencies and new models for helping disadvantaged households overcome barriers to access and sustain tenancies in the private rental market.</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Adrian Pisarski, National Shelter</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Patrick Veyret, CHOICE</p> <p>Paul Tommasini, inCommunity Inc</p> <p>Sorcha Walshe, Shelter SA</p> <p>Rebecca Pinkstone, Bridge Housing</p>	<p>MIN 6 Housing choices for older women</p> <p>Older women are emerging as a vulnerable cohort, with many housing options presenting as unaffordable or only accessible for the short-term. Four presentations will explore services and support available to older women susceptible to unstable housing.</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Dr Amity James, Curtin University</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Kathryn Proft, Australian Human Rights Commission</p> <p>Caroline Larcher, Women's Property Initiative</p> <p>Debbie Georgopoulos, Women's Housing Company</p> <p>Teresa Reed, Mangrove Housing</p>
<p>18.00–22.00 Official Conference Dinner—Pee Wee's at the Point</p> <p>Entertainment by Jigsaw Collective</p>					

Join delegates at one of Darwin's most beloved restaurants, Pee Wee's at the Point for the Official Conference Dinner. This is your opportunity to informally chat to fellow thought leaders in a relaxed atmosphere over local cuisine. Numbers to this event are limited, so book now to avoid missing out.

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Day 2 Thursday 29 August 2019

8.00 Registration opens					
8.30–10.30 Plenary 3—Welcome to Day 2					
Entertainment by Tiwi Strong Women's Group					
Official Welcome Address					
Aboriginal, Indigenous and First Nations housing perspectives from Canada					
<p>Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association and board member of the Canadian Housing Renewal Association and the Indigenous Housing Caucus delivers the international keynote address on sector-wide strategies to improve First Nations housing outcomes in Canada. Margaret will be joined by a panel of international and local experts to explore advocating for Indigenous housing in the context of a National Housing Strategy.</p>					
Plenary sponsored by:					
					
10.30–11.00 Morning tea					
Entertainment by Lynette Hubbard					
11.00 – 12.30 Minor concurrent sessions—block two					
<p>MIN 7 Supporting employment opportunities</p> <p>This session examines leading programs from across the country that combine stable housing with training, education and employment pathways to support better outcomes for residents.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>David Sellars, MAX Solutions</p> <p>Elana Turner and Joe Gannon, Uniting SA</p> <p>Sarah Kingsbeer and Melinda Everitt, Bridge Housing Ltd</p> <p>Lynette Graham, Programmed Facility Management</p>	<p>MIN 8 Domestic and family violence</p> <p>Two contemporary research presentations and an expert panel investigate what factors contribute to better long-term safety and housing outcomes for women.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Jan Breckenridge and Dr Kylie Cripps, UNSW Sydney</p> <p>Dr Kathleen Flanagan and Assoc. Prof. Daphne Habibis, University of Tasmania</p> <p>Alison MacDonald, Domestic Violence Victoria</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>MIN 9 Connecting young people with housing</p> <p>This session examines the risks of youth homelessness and explores in detail new ways of working in collaboration to improve long-term housing options for young people.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Rhianon Vichta-Ohlsen, Brisbane Youth Service</p> <p>Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc</p> <p>Kai Schweizer, Curtin University</p>	<p>MIN 10 Affordable housing: working with local government</p> <p>Local government has a key role in the future of affordable housing. This session looks at case studies of local governments that have developed affordable housing strategies in their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Liz de Chastel, Australian Local Government Association</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Prof Andrew Beer, University of South Australia</p> <p>Judy Stubbs, Judith Stubbs and Associates</p> <p>Erin Dolan, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and Sophie Jordan, City of Darebin</p>	<p>MIN 11 Culturally appropriate service design</p> <p>Culturally appropriate service coordination better supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families in need of housing. This session explores co-design, self-determination and critical success factors for Aboriginal CHPS and integrated service providers.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Sally Kubiak and Caine Carroll, NSW Aboriginal Housing Office</p> <p>Josie Douglas and Barbara Shaw, APONT</p> <p>Kieran Wong and Dwayne McInnes, Fulcrum Agency</p> <p>Kim Sinclair and Brendan Moyle, SEARMS</p>	<p>MIN 12 Affordable and environmentally efficient housing</p> <p>A series of case studies where environmental responsibility and efficiency is at the centre of housing programs. This includes energy efficiency decision-making in the apartment building to improving energy efficiency in the community housing sector.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Matthew Daly, University of Wollongong</p> <p>Andrew Brooks, SGCH</p> <p>Jess Pomeroy, CHIA VIC and Alex Houlston, Energy for the People</p> <p>Rory Martin, Frasers Property Australia</p>
12.30–13.30 Lunch					

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MAJ 4 Indigenous housing and health

The intersection between housing and health is well recognised. Unsafe or poor quality housing can have a detrimental impact on the physical and mental health of communities and individuals. This presents opportunities and challenges for providing services to Indigenous communities in the Territory and across regional Australia. This series of evidence-based presentations, followed by a panel, will explore the issues, and evidence-based solutions that are being put into practice.

Speakers

Dr Joshua Francis, Menzies School of Health Research

Prof Steven Guthridge, Menzies School of Health Research

Olga Havnen, Danila Dilba Health Service

Assoc Prof Tess Lea, University of Sydney

Additional speakers TBC

MAJ 5 Housing for all in the age of cities

Following worldwide trends of rapid urbanisation and centralisation of all aspects of life and work, Australians are living in urban areas at higher rates than ever before. What is the impact of population growth on our housing system, services and suburbs? How can we ensure Australia's swelling major and developing cities remain productive and liveable for all Australians?

Speakers

Lucinda Hartley, Neighbourlytics

Prof Chris Leishman, University of Adelaide

Additional speakers TBC

MAJ 6 Dollars to dwellings: Financing affordable housing

One year on, is the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation the silver bullet to financing affordable housing or is it just one piece of an incomplete financing and funding puzzle. Even with private sector financing, what role must governments play in funding the gap between the cost of building affordable housing and what low-income tenants can afford to pay?

Facilitator

Charles Northcote, Blue CHP

Speakers

Nathan Dal Bon, NHFIC

Caryn Kakas, ANZ

Prof Bill Randolph, UNSW

Nicola Lemon, Hume Community Housing Association

Stephen Anthony, Industry Super Australia

TT 4 Think tank stream

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15.00–15.30 Afternoon tea					
15.30–17.00 Minor concurrent sessions—block three					
<p>MIN 13 Innovative funding partnerships</p> <p>This session will explore pathways to innovative partnerships to finance affordable housing. We will hear on innovative new funding streams, trends in the private sector and how the community sector can approach collaboration to further incubate a sustainable future.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Maria Palumbo, Junction Australia</p> <p>Kevin McCarthy, SGCH</p> <p>Steven Persson, The Big Issue/Homes for Homes</p> <p>Jacob Edwards, Bank Australia</p> <p>Nicola Foxworthy, CEHL</p>	<p>MIN 14 Mental health and housing</p> <p>A research-driven presentation from Mind Australia and AHURI on the interplay between mental health and outcomes in housing will be followed by presentations looking at the impact of trauma on tenancies.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Nicola Brackertz, AHURI</p> <p>Sarah Pollock, Mind Australia</p> <p>Megan Lawrance and Desley Slade, Many Rivers Regional Housing</p> <p>Additional speakers TBC</p>	<p>MIN 15 Intergenerational housing aspirations</p> <p>Drawing on a new AHURI research Inquiry, this session aims to understand the intergenerational housing ambitions of Australians, from those entering their first tenancies right through to those settling down for retirement.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>	<p>MIN 16 Policy leaders: state level Innovation</p> <p>From how technology is providing digital self-service in social housing to designing choice-based systems and rapidly rehousing rough sleepers – this session will highlight government-led innovations and best-practice examples that are making an impact across Australian communities.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Ann Quach, Justin Tauber, Salesforce and Louise Gilding, Housing ACT</p> <p>Kim Riedt, Sylwia Pichel and Darren Fraser, Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Penny Church, NSW Department of Family and Community Services and Shane Jakupec, NEAMI National</p> <p>Yvette Park and Suzanne Bermingham, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development</p> <p>Alice Lawson, SA Housing Authority</p>	<p>MIN 17 Denisification</p> <p>Following three case study presentations this is the opportunity to ask urban density and energy-efficiency experts on how our cities' housing ecosystems are adapting in the era of urban, increasingly vertical populations.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Christian A. Nygaard, Swinburne University of Technology</p> <p>Silvia Micheli and Antony Moulis, The University of Queensland</p> <p>Dr Damian Madigan, Monash University</p>	<p>MIN 18 Session to be announced</p>
18.00–20.30 Networking event—Mindil Beach Market (optional)					

Enjoy a quintessential Darwin experience of local food, artisan vendors and a spectacular beach sunset at the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Enjoy a respite from the crowds in a dedicated conference VIP area, where you can network with your fellow delegates and friends over drinks and market fare.

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Day 3 Friday 30 August 2019

8.00 Registration opens

8.30-10.30 Plenary 4—Welcome to Day 3

Closing address from conference hosts

Jamie Chalker APM, CEO, Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development NT

Dr Michael Fotheringham, Executive Director, AHURI

The Conference Chair and Deputy Chair will share their reflections on the 3 day program, summarise the lessons learned and key priorities and announce the host destination for NHC 2021.

International keynote address

The conference highlights innovations, leading edge practice and new ideas underpinned by the latest research. In this 90 minute session we will hear from one of the world's leaders on their nation's strategic priorities with action-led examples.

10.30–12.00 Official closing brunch—Darwin Convention Centre concourse

Following the final plenary session, we will celebrate the end of a successful conference with a closing brunch overlooking the stunning Darwin waterfront precinct. Take the opportunity to debrief with your fellow delegates and make plans for the way forward.